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Amendments to Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-75 (Canceled).

76. (Currently Amended) A bonded nonwoven fabric comprising at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions between at least about 1 N/(g/m²) 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²), normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 10 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 75 and 99 cm.

77. (Previously Presented) The bonded nonwoven fabric of claim 76, further comprising at least one nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.

78. (Previously Presented) The bonded nonwoven fabric of claim 77, further comprising a second nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, wherein said two nonwoven layers of spunbond fibers are bonded to opposite sides of said nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.

79. (Currently Amended) A bonded nonwoven fabric comprising at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions between at least about 1 N/(g/m²) 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²), normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 15 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 75 and 99 cm.

80. (Previously Presented) The bonded nonwoven fabric of any of claims 76-79, further comprising a fluorochemical coating deposited on said nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers.

81. (Previously Presented) The bonded nonwoven fabric of any of claims 76-79, comprising fibers having an average fiber size of less than about 75 µm².

82. (Previously Presented) The bonded nonwoven fabric of any of claims 76-79, wherein said bonded nonwoven fabric is thermally bonded.

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83. (Currently Amended) A garment comprising a bonded nonwoven fabric having at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions ~~between at least about 1 N/(g/m²) 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²)~~, normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 10 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 75 and 99 cm.

84. (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 83, further comprising at least one nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.

85. (Previously Presented) The garment of claim 84, further comprising a second nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, wherein said two nonwoven layers of spunbond fibers are bonded to opposite sides of said nonwoven layer of meltblown fibers.

86. (Currently Amended) A garment comprising a bonded nonwoven fabric having at least one nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers, said fabric having a basis weight between about 13-125 g/m², a grab tensile strength in both the machine- and cross-directions ~~between at least about 1 N/(g/m²) 0.9 to 3 N/(g/m²)~~, normalized for basis weight, and a combination of Frazier permeability at least about 15 and up to about 30 m³/min-m² and hydrostatic head between about 70 75 and 99 cm.

87. (Previously Presented) The garment of any of claims 83-86, further comprising a fluorochemical coating deposited on said nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers.

88. (Previously Presented) The garment of any of claims 83-86, wherein said bonded nonwoven fabric is thermally bonded.

89. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 76 or 79, which has a hydrostatic head between about 80 and 99 cm.

90. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 89, further comprising a fluorochemical coating deposited on said nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers.

91. (New) The garment of claim 83 or 86, which has a hydrostatic head between about 80 and 99 cm.

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92. (New) The garment of claim 91, further comprising a fluorochemical coating deposited on said nonwoven layer of spunbond fibers.

93. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 76 or 79, which has a cross sectional void percentage of at least about 85 percent.

94. (New) The garment of claim 83 or 86, wherein the nonwoven fabric has a cross sectional void percentage of at least about 85 percent.